

S/047/049

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Subject: October 23, 2000 inspections and Notices of Noncompliance

Tony

Attached are three inspections of three inactive project areas (UTU66354, 66357 and 66358; the figures are .jpg files) by the Green River. These equate to UDGOM tracking numbers S/047/048 and /049, according to your August 1, 2000 e-mail. According to my query of the measurements of the area which I captured by use of a GPS instrument during my October 23rd inspection, the acreage of each of these three project areas follows.

UTU66354 - 4.4 acres

UTU66357 - 1.96 acres (includes access roads constructed into this project area).

UTU66358 - 3 acres

Because of the length of time these project areas have been inactive, our office issued notices of noncompliance to each of the operators of record. These NON's were signed today and a courtesy copy of each was mailed to your attention.

Please let me know if the attachments to this message came through okay.

Pete Sokolosky
Vernal Field Office-BLM

(See attached file: 66354_10_23_00_insp.wpd)(See attached file: 66354_102300_fig1.jpg)(See attached file: 66357_10_23_00_insp.wpd)(See attached file: 66357_102300_fig1.jpg)(See attached file: 66357_102300_fig2.jpg)(See attached file: 66358_10_23_00_insp.wpd)(See attached file: 66358_102300_fig1.jpg)

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3809 REPORT OF INSPECTION

Date: October 23, 2000 Time: about 9:30 am Location: T.5S. R.24E. Sec 6 S2 of Lot 8

Operators present during inspection: No

Serial no. of notice: UTU 66357 (Bluebell Oil Co project area) Is the operation active?
No

Description of operations (including access, reclamation, etc.): The only noticeable change to the project area since the July 20, 2000 inspection is that breaker boxes on the electrical panel have been removed (compare image 4 attached with image 7 of the July 20, 2000 inspection). Otherwise, the project area remains in essentially the same condition. During this inspection, the bounds of the area disturbed and selected items were located by use of a GPS instrument (see figure 2 attached). The wooden structure on location is still unsecured. It is inhabitable, but there is no 43 CFR 3715 filing for occupancy of the claim.

Is the operation in compliance with the notice on file and/or the stipulations of the approved plan? (if No describe deficiencies): No. A wooden structure was not part of the notice and is not covered under an occupancy filing (under the 43 CFR 3715 regulations). A buried power cable apparently runs north from the base of the transformer pole north to a power panel within the processing plant area, but there are no caution signs about buried cables and nothing in the notice about the installation of buried power cables. In a July 26, 2000 telephone conversation, Mr. Robert Covington of Hiko Bell (associate of Mr. Caldwell of Bluebell Oil and Gas) indicated that the equipment to be used in reclamation was to be repaired soon. That had been about 90 days ago and there has been no on-the-ground progress in conducting reclamation. Since the area has now been inactive for over 10 years, the operator of record should be issued a notice of noncompliance ordering him to reclaim the project area under the provisions of 43 CFR 3809.1-3(d)(3).

	signature	print name/title	date
Inspector	__//signed//__	Peter Sokoloski	. 13, 2000
Management 2000	__//signed//__	Howard	Nov. 13,

Attachments: digital images [with descriptions] and figures

Distribution: original to surface management case file UTU66358
Copy - Tony Gallegos (UDOGM) - state file no. S/047/(?) (via email)

Attachment: digital images [with description] taken during the Oct. 23, 2000 inspection.

image 1 western part of project area,
pole south of project
inactive grizzly screen, separation
bowl and open wooden structure

image 2 western part of project area, compare
with image 5 of July 20, 2000 inspection

image 3 power drop at
area, compare with image 6 of July 20, 2000
inspection.

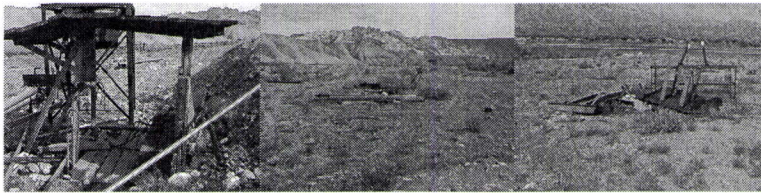


image 4 area once housed electric
southeastern part of
panel - compare with image 7 of
15 of July 23,
July 23, 2000 inspection

image 5 miscl. equipment in northwestern part
of project area - compare with image 14 of July
23, 2000 inspection

image 6 miscl. supplies in
project area - compare with image
2000 inspection

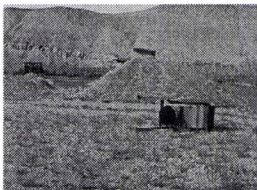


image 7 piece of processing equipment
left just east of loading hopper (in distance
in image 17 of July 23, 2000 inspection).



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3809 REPORT OF INSPECTION

Date: October 23, 2000 Time: about 9:50 am Location: T.5S. R.24E. Sec6, Lots 13 (south part) and 14 (northern part)

Operators present during inspection: No

Serial no. of notice: UTU 66358 (Hiko Bell project area) Is the operation active? No

Description of operations (including access, reclamation, etc.): The project area is in substantially the same condition as observed during the July 20, 2000 inspection (compare images attached with images attached to prior inspection) and it has not noticeably changed since April 13, 1990, start of record of inspections in which no active placer operations were noted as occurring within the project area.

Is the operation in compliance with the notice on file and/or the stipulations of the approved plan? (if No describe deficiencies): No. The project area has been inactive for over 10 years and there has been no reclamation. In a July 26, 2000 telephone conversation, Mr. Robert Covington of Hiko Bell indicated that the equipment to be used in reclamation was to be repaired soon. That had been about 90 days ago and there has been no on-the-ground progress in conducting reclamation. Since the area has now been inactive for over 10 years, the operator of record should be issued a notice of noncompliance ordering the operator to reclaim the project area under the provisions of 43 CFR 3809.1-3(d)(3).

	signature	print name/title	date
Inspector	<u>//signed//</u>	Peter Sokolosky/Geologist	Nov. 13, 2000
Management 2000	<u>//signed//</u>	Howard Cleavinger/AFFMMR	Nov. 13,

Attachments: digital images [with descriptions] and figure showing the project area location

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attachment - digital images with descriptions taken during Oct. 23, 2000 inspection of UTU66358



image 1 view to east-southeast of east-west access road, sediment area dam and settling area [dried, right-center], excavation high wall [above truck]- compare with image 6 of July 20, 2000 inspection

image 2 view to right of image 1 (sediment settling southwestern part of project area - compare with image 7 of 20, 200 inspection

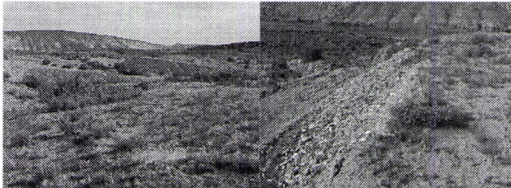
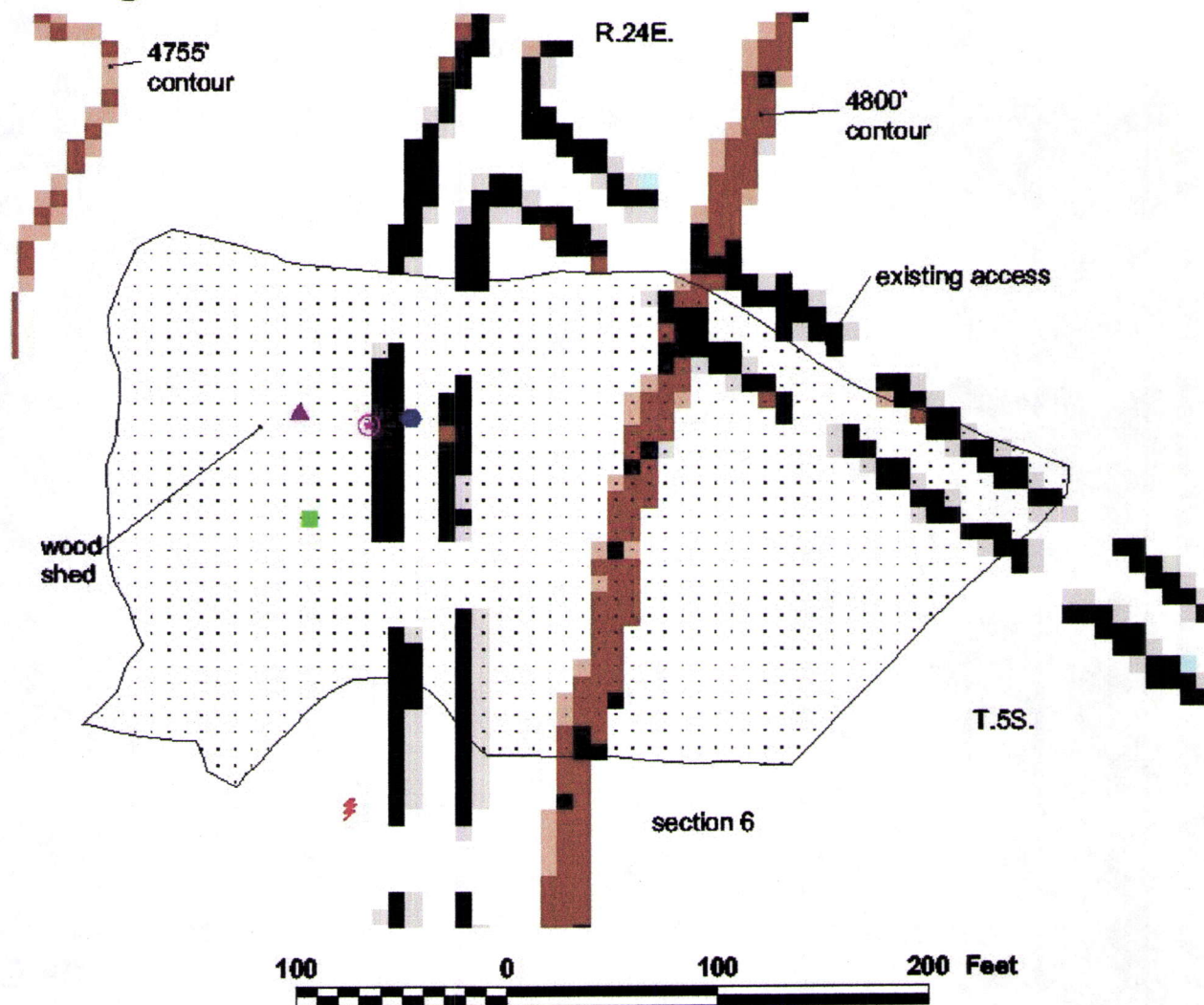


image 3 view to west of constructed access road to Green drainage - River (note cut at lower left to center of image) - compare with image 8 of July 20, 2000 inspection

image 4 view to east-northeast of cobble pushed into compare with image 10 of July 20, 2000 inspection

figure 2 UTU66357 Oct. 23, 2000 inspection



scale 1:850; project areas based upon October 23, 2000 GPS measurements

some facilities

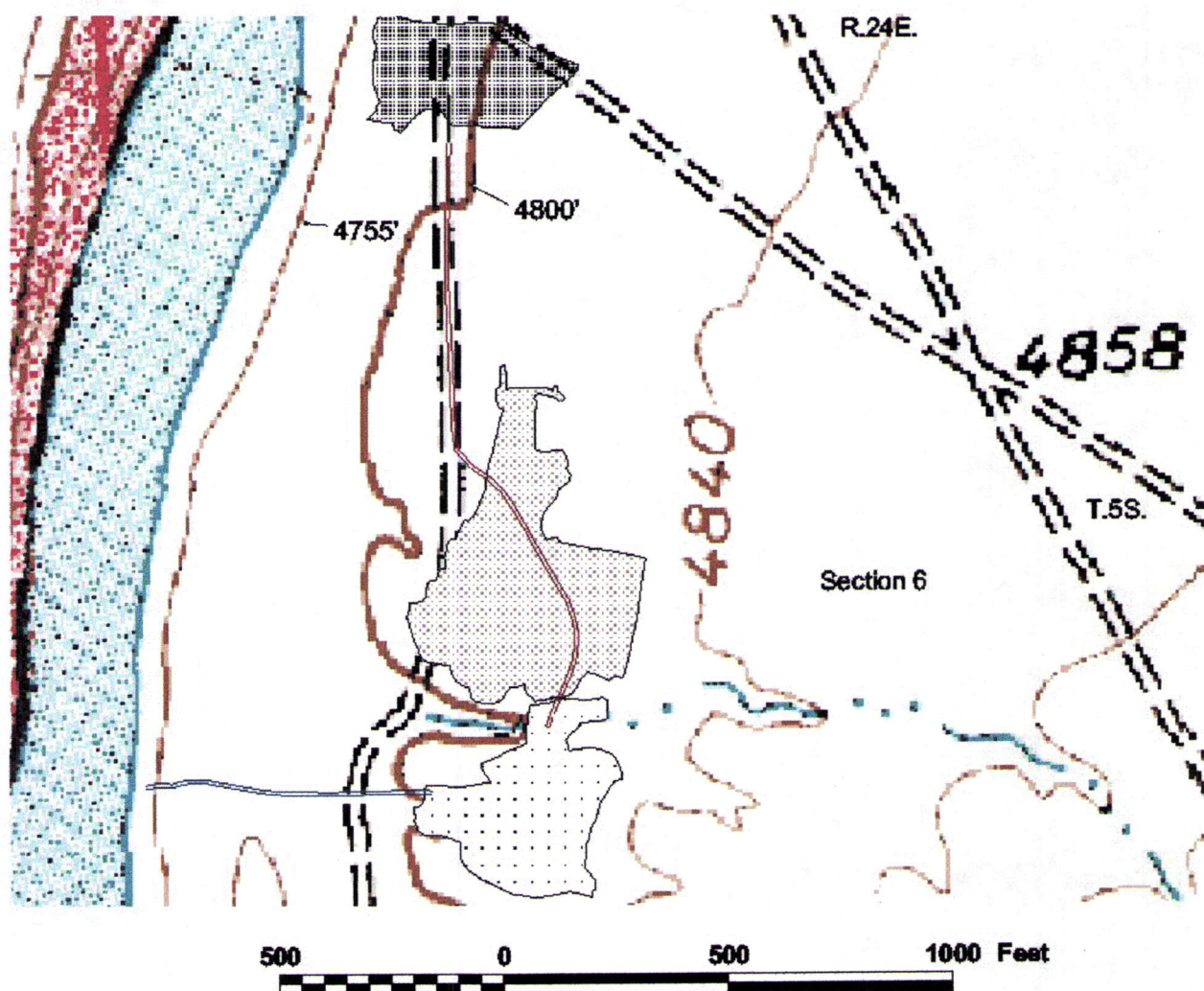
- ▲ cyclone-electric panel
- grizzly screen
- loading hopper
- ⚡ power pole line drop
- ★ screen

- ▨ 66354 project area
- ▤ 66357 project area
- ▩ 66358 project area





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
figure 1 UTU66358 Oct. 23, 2000 inspection



scale 1:4,000; project areas based upon October 23, 2000 GPS measurements

66358 access

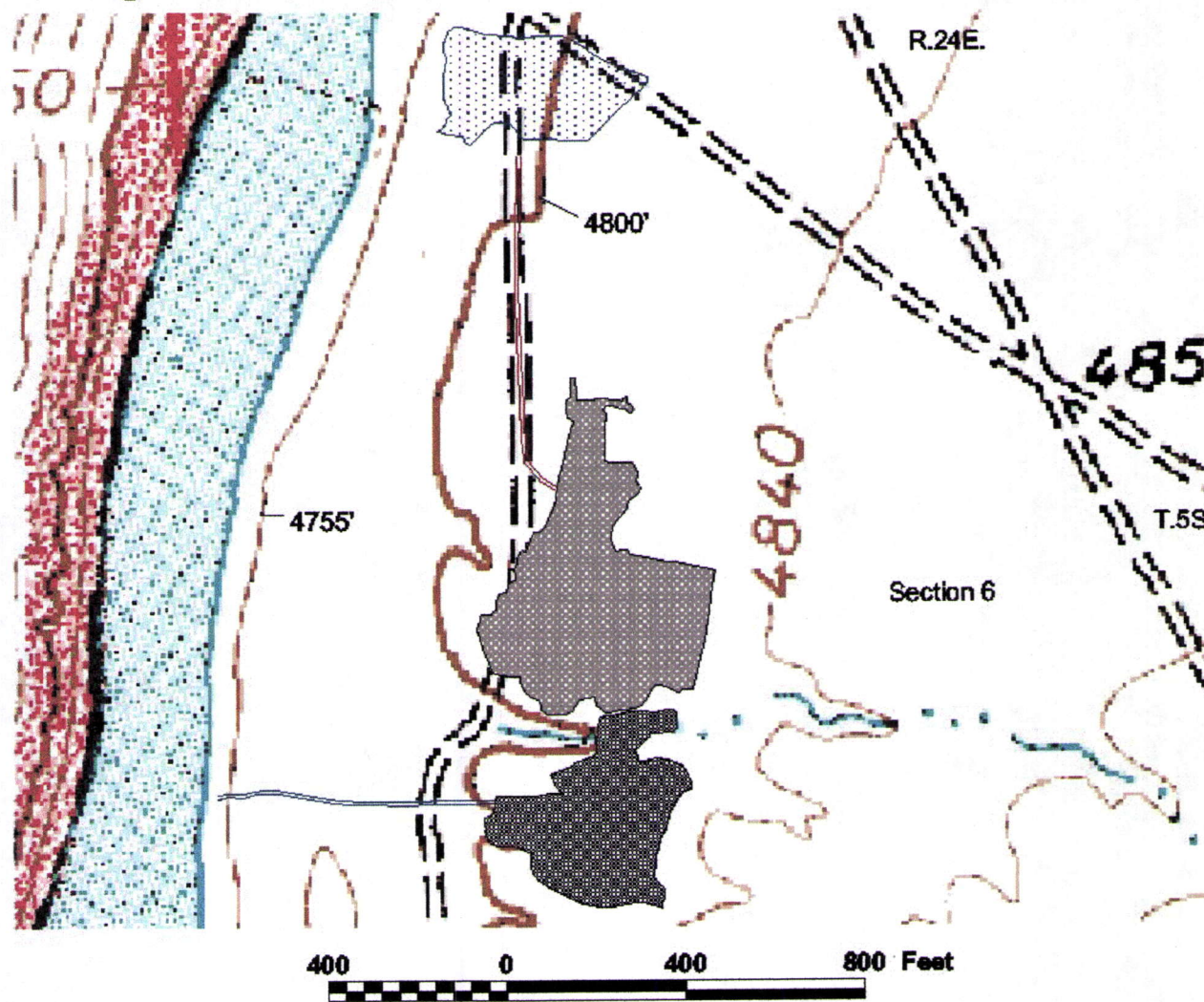
 north-south
 east-west

 66354 project area
 66357 project area
 66358 project area





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figure 1 UTU66357 Oct. 23, 2000 inspection



scale 1:4,000; project areas based upon October 23, 2000 GPS measurements

-  66354 project area
-  66357 project area
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-  66358 access
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